United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



JOINT APPENDIX

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff-Appellee,

-against-

VARIOUS ARTICLES OF OBSCENE MERCHANDISE, SCHEDULE NO. 1350,

Defendants in Rem,

FRED CHERRY,

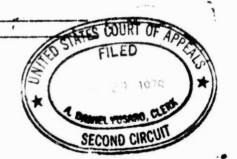
Claimant-Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4/7/76

Re: U.S. v. Articles; 76 Civ. 791 (EW)

Judge Edward Weinfeld United States Courthouse Foley Square New York, N.Y. 10007

Sir:

I have just received (today) a notice informing me that the trial in this action is scheduled for April 12, 1976. I hereby request postponement of said trial on the grounds that my health does not permit me to be in New York at the present time. I will return to New York approximately the beginning of June and I therefore request that the trial of this action be postponed until July in order to give me sufficient time to prepare for trial. I hereby specifically waive my constitutional right to have the trial concluded within 60 days of the commencement of this action, because, if I were not present at the trial, I would lose the more basic constitutional right of the opportunity to be heard.

I would also remind you that I have a motion for severance and consolidation pending. Also, note that I have demanded a trial by jury. I have never heard of such a thing as an ex-parte trial by jury.

Very truly yours,

J. Leal Cally

Fred Cherry

603 Miramar Avenue
San Tursi, Puerto Rico 00907

cc: Victor J. Zupa
Assistant U.S. Attorney
U.S. Courthouse
Foley Square
New York, N.Y. 10007

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Plaintiff.

ORDER

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76 Civ. 791 (EW)

Various Articles of Obscene Merchandise, Schedule No. 1350,

Defendant.

WHEREAS, a trial having been held on April 12, 1976 as to certain materials seized as obscene by plaintiff, and

MHEREAS, Fred Cherry (the "claimant") having filed a claim and answer as to certain materials alleged to be obscene by plaintiff, and

WHEREAS, the claimant has requested a postponement of the trial as to certain material (the "claimed goods"), and

WHEREAS, the claimant has waived the requirement that these proceedings be concluded within sixty (60) days after commencement,

NOW THEREFORE, upon the request of claimant it is hereby

ORDERED that the trial as to the claimed goods be adjourned to June 10, 1976 at 10 A.M. in Room 1305 of the United States Courthouse, Foley Square, New York, N.Y.; provided, however, that said adjournment date shall be subject to further adjournments by the court as the Court shall deem necessary.

Dated: New York, New York April , 1976. June 5, 1976

Judge Irving Ben Cooper United States Courthouse, Foley Square New York, N.Y. 10007

Re: U.S.A. v. VARIOUS ARTICLES, etc., 76 Civ. 791 IBC Sir:

Please refer to the previous correspondence in this action, in particular my letter of 5/21/76, addressed to Judge Weinfeld, and your answer to said letter, dated 5/28/76.

I arrived at Kennedy Airport from Puerto Rico at 4:00 P.M. on the afternoon of June 2nd. Immediately upon my arrival I phoned Asst. U.S. Attorney Zupa and arranged to inspect the items which are the subject of this action on June 3rd. Let me emphasize that this was the first opportunity I had to inspect said items, since the statute under which this action is proceeding, namely 19 U.S.C. 1305, permits a claimant to examine his property only in the district in which it was seized. While inspecting said items, I asked Mr. Zupa if he knew the name of the official in the Customs Bureau who had viewed the motion picture film "SENSATIONS", and who had made the ultimate decision to allow its importation. Mr. Zupa informed me that he did not have this information. Therefore, I must now request a postponement in order that I may serve written interrogatories on the plaintiff to obtain this information in order to subpoena this official for the trial.

Let me explain the significance of this information and why it is necessary for me to obtain the testimony of this official. I viewed the motion picture film "SENSATIONS" last autumn and now after having viewed the itms in the present action, I am of the opinion that "SENSATIONS" is more "obscene" than the items in the present action. I am of the opinion that the Customs Bureau employs a double standard in deciding whether or not an item is "obscene". That is, I believe that a commercial importer, represented by a lawyer, is permitted to import items which would not be allowed in the case of a person importing for private use, unrepresented by a lawyer. I am of the opinion that the Customs Bureau has established a standard of obscenity by allowing the importation of the motion picture film "SENSATIONS", and that it would be a constitutional violation to allow the Customs Bureau to hold other important to a attrictor standard.

Let me point out that I could not have prepared interogatories until after viewing the articles in the present case, because I did not know whether said articles were or were not comparable to certain motion picture films. For example, I did not know, until after viewing the material in the present action, that said material is not comparable to another imported motion picture film, namely "EXHIBITION".

I will need 45 days from the time of your approval of my request. I will need one week to prepare interrogatories, 30 days for the plaintiff to answer said interrogatories, and another week to prepare and serve a subpoena, after I find out whom I will need to subpoena.

Very truly yours,

Fred Cherry Claimant, pro se Post Office Address Post Office Box 1017 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11202

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Asst. U.S. Attorney
One St. Andrew's Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10007

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BY-HAND

June 8, 1976

Honorable Irving Ben Cooper United States District Judge United States Court House Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Various Articles, etc., 76 Civ. 791 (I.B.C.).

Dear Judge Cooper:

Responding to Mr. Cherry's letter of June 5, 1976, in which he seeks a postponement of the trial as to the materials he claims, it is the position of the United States that Mr. Cherry has shown no reason for this trial to be delayed.

First, the sole issue in this case is whether the material claimed by Mr. Cherry is obscene. That issue is to be decided by the jury requested by Mr. Cherry who will apply the community standards.

Secondly, contrary to Mr. Cherry's statement, Customs has advised that it has not approved the importation of the film Sensations and therefore any postponement to determine the Customs official who approved it, is unnecessary.

and charged that Customs applies a double standard in determining obscenity which favors the commercial importer represented by counsel, United States v. Various Articles of Obscene Merchandise Schedule No. 1117, 74 Civ. 4014 (CNI). Since Mr. Cherry relies here on the film Sensations which Customs did not approve, Mr. Cherry has shown no basis for his charge of a double standard.

Thus, no reason has been shown for a delay in the trial of this action. The only issue to be determined is whether or not the materials Mr. Cherry claims are obscene.

VJZ:wp

Honorable Irving Ben Cooper

- 2 - June 8, 1976

This issue should be determined by the jury since one has been demanded.

Very truly yours,

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(In open court, Court not present.)

MR. RICHARD LIND: My name is Richard Line.

I am the Judge's law clerk, and the other law clerk,

Richard Marmaro, is also here. I have an announcement
to make on behalf of Judge Cooper.

Judge Cooper denies in all respect Mr. Cherry's application embodied in his letter of June 5, 1976, for the reasons set forth in the Government letter of June 8, 1976. Trial in this matter is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 1976, at 1 p.m. in Courtroom 307. Thematter will be disposed of at that time.

Mr. Cherry, you received a copy, did you not, of the Covernment's letter of June 8 responding to your letter of June 5?

MR. CHERRY: I show you a copy of a letter I received, and you can --

MR. LIND: Yes, that is the letter. You received a copy? You have read it?

MR. CHERRY: Yes.

(Adjourned to Tuesday, June 22, 1976, at 1:00 p. m.)

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| 7 | VARIOUS ARTICLES OF OBSCENE : 76 Civil 791 |
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| 10 | New York, N. Y. |
| 11 | June 22, 1976 - 1:00 p.m |
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| 14 | HON. IRVING BEN COOPER, |
| 15 | District Judge, |
| 16 | and a Jury. |
| 17 | APPEARANCES: |
| 18 | ROBERT B. FISKE, JR., Esq., |
| 19 | United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York |
| 20 | VICTOR J. ZUPA, Esq., Assistant United States Attorney |
| 21 | MR. FRED CHERRY, |
| 22 | Claimant, Pro Se. |
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THE CLERK: United States of America versus Various
Articles of Obscene Merchandise.

Is counsel for the Government ready?

MR. ZUPA: Government is ready, your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Cherry, who is this gentleman with you?

MR. CHERRY: I want him to assist me, your Honor. He is not an attorney.

THE COURT: That's all right.

MR. CHERRY: Your Honor, may I bring up the points raised in my letter --

THE COURT: Not now. We are going to empanel a jury now.

(A jury of six was duly empaneled and sworn.)

(In the robing room:)

THE COURT: Now, what is it that you want to call to my attention, Mr. Cherry?

MR. CHERRY: Well, the first matter I want to call to your attention is that I had a trial a year ago, and at that time the Government witness said something about the mail being addressed to me in Puerto Rico, and I think that is prejudicial and irrelevant, and I would like the assistant United States Attorney not to mention that, and I ask that the envelope not be included in the trial.

-10a-3 MP THE COURT: What does the Government have to say? MR. ZUPA: I would like to ask why Mr. Cherry asks 3 4 that. MR. CHERRY: The jury may suspect I am a commercial importer. They may feel that I have a vagabond life style. $\ddot{6}$ They may object to my life style, and it is entirely irrelevant. It can only be prejudicial, and it has no probative value of any sort. MR. ZUPA: Well, Mr. Cherry can state on direct 10 examination that it is for his own personal use and not for 11 commercial use. The other point --12 THE COURT: Where was this material mailed to? 13 MR. ZUPA: Puerto Rico. 1.1 THE COURT: I take it that it was addressed to 15 16 Mr. Cherry there. MR. ZUPA: Yes, your Honor. 17 THE COURT: Well, the Government would have to re-18 veal that. It would have to show it was mailed from so and 19 so to so and so. 20 MR. CHERRY: Can I concede that, to avoid that 21 coming into the case? MR. ZUPA: I think it would be acceptable if we say

the material was mailed within the United States, but there

is one point in addition about the envelope. I asked Mr.

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Cherry the other day to stipulate that there is a fourteenday requirement from the time that the mail is seized to the time that we commence our action. The envelope has a post mark of February 6th. That would mean that any date after that in which we seized it had to have satisfied the fourteen-7 day requirement, because we commenced our action on February 18th, and Mr. Cherry has not so stipulated, and I would ask 9 him to do so if he wants us to withhold the envelope.

MR. CHERRY: If I have to do that, I will, but how about cutting out the address?

THE COURT: No. He just said, will you concede that the material --

MR. CHERRY: Well, if I have to, I will, to avoid the envelope getting before the jury -- if it is necessary.

THE COURT: Well, it is necessary, because he has to begin within fourteen days, and if he hasn't got a date, how can he prove that point?

MR. CHERRY: Well, it is not a question of when it was mailed. It is a question of when from the time it was seized to the time the action was commenced.

Isn't he going to have a witness for that, anyhow? THE COURT: Do you feel that you can concede that the date when it was seized --

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MR. CHERRY: Aren't they going to testify to that?

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MR. ZUPA: We plan to put in evidence the date of the seizure, but the post mark says February 6th.

MR. CHERRY: I am not sure it says that.

THE COURT: Well, I want to protect you, but I have to give the Government a chance to be heard.

MR. ZUPA: I think, anyway, your Honor, that the Government would ask that the issue whether the fourteen-day requirement has been met be decided by your Honor rather than the jury. If that is agreeable to you, the envelope won't have to go to the jury, because it would be only your Honor who sees the post mark.

THE COURT: That is fair enough. I will look at the envelope, and if I find it bears a certain date, and if I find the seizure was within fourteen days thereof, the point is settled.

You look intelligent and sound intelligent and seem to understand everything that is going on.

MR. CHERRY: Well, I do go to a law library.

THE COURT: What else do you want to point out?

MR. CHERRY: Two items involved here.

Now, is it agreeable to the Government that I voluntarily consent to the forfeiture of the advertising material and just bring the magazine to the jury? Is that agreeable to the Government?

MR. ZUPA: If that is the sole purpose, we have no objection. It Mr. Cherry wants to protect himself from

criminal indictment, among other things.

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| 2 | criminal proceedings, we have no objection. |
| 3 | THE COURT: What is it you are going to put in? |
| 4 | MR. ZUPA: A magazine of twenty pages? |
| 5 | MR. CHERRY: Who has it? It's outside. |
| 6 | THE COURT: Come along. Don't waste time. |
| 7 | MR. ZUPA: It's a twenty-page magazine, "Sexual |
| 8 | Instruction by Susan". |
| 9 | THE COURT: What about the advertising? |
| 10 | MR. ZUPA: Part is illustrated advertisement. |
| 11 | THE COURT: You are not putting that in? |
| 12 | MR. ZUPA: He has consented to a forfeiture of that |
| 13 | material. |
| 1-1 | MR. CHERRY: That's correct. |
| 15 | THE COURT: That will not go before the jury. |
| 16 | MR. ZUPA: There is other material, consisting of |
| 17 | order blanks, which were in the envelope addressed to Mr. |
| 18 | Cherry, which is also subject to forfeiture. |
| 19 | MR. CHERRY: I don't concede that the order blank is |
| 20 | subject to seuzure. I don't concede that, not at all. |
| 21 | MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, the statute says that if the |
| 22 | material is determined to be obscene, any of the other materi- |
| 23 | als in the envelope are also subject to forfeiture. |
| 24 | THE COURT: Well, that is a matter of law. |

MR. ZUPA: That's correct.

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THE COURT: But you are not going to refer to the order blanks before the jury.

MR. ZUPA: That's correct.

THE COURT: You are not going to introduce that in cvidence.

MR. ZUPA: Are you conceding that that was forfeited?

MR. CHERRY: Well, now --

Number one, you don't want the jury to hear this, and he says, no, the jury will not, but he is leaving it to the Judge to determine whether as a matter of law those order blanks were justifiably seized. That is all he is asking.

The mainthing you are interested in is what goes before the jury; isn't that so?

MR. CHERRY: Yes.

THE COURT: So he says, do you concede that the order blanks were justifiably seized, and you are not laying any claim on that score.

MR. CHERRY: Your Honor, I do not, and I have a citation for that.

THE COURT: All right. What is your citation?

MR. CHERRY: United States versus 18 Packages of

Magazines, 227 F. Supp. 198, and that case specifically says

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MR. ZUPA: It might be, your Honor, before the charge is given. I don't have the rule before me.

THE COURT: You take a look at it. I don't think there is any objection to his seeing it. It might be a good idea to let him take a look at it, since he is not represented.

All right. We will let you look at it.

MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, he has had our requests to charge --

MR. CHERRY: I know your requests.

Is that what you are going to charge the jury with: with his requests?

THE COURT: I am trying to be helpful to you, Mr.

Cherry, but if you are going to sound irritated, you are going to make it difficult for all of us.

MR. CHERRY: I am sorry. I have a nervous -- I am just a little nervous.

THE COURT: Don't be nervous. Just listen to me.

MR. CHERRY: It's just nervousness.

THE COURT: You have been through this before. You have had many cases.

MR. CHERRY: Two, your Honor.

THE COURT: Before a jury, two?

MR. CHERRY: Yes.

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| 2 | THE COURT: And Judge Weinfeld was the judge? |
| 3 | MR. CHERRY: Yes. |
| 4 | THE COURT: And was he not also the judge in one |
| 5 | of the cases without a jury? |
| 6 | MR. CHERRY: He was the judge in the case that was |
| 7 | transferred to you. |
| 8 | THE COURT: Yes, but wasn't there another case before |
| 9 | the judge? Have you had a case involving obscene material |
| 10 | that went before a jury? |
| 11 | MR. CHERRY: I have had two. |
| 12 | THE COURT: Right in this courthouse? |
| 13 | MR. CHERRY: Yes. |
| 14 | THE COURT: Will you tell me the names of the judges |
| 15 | MR. CHERRY: Judge Motley and Judge Weinfeld. |
| 16 | THE COURT: So you have been through this. |
| 17 | MR. CHERRY: Well, the procedure was different be- |
| 18 | tween two judges. |
| 19 | THE COURT: What is the difference between the two |
| 20 | judges? |
| 21 | MR. CHERRY: Well, Judge Weinfeld didn't give me any |
| 22 | opportunity to see the charge beforehand, and Judge Motley |
| 23 | did. |
| 24 | THE COURT: You see, it is purely a matter of dis- |

cretion; and Judge Weinfeld, I would like you to know, is one

MP 12 of the greatest trial judges in the United States of America. 3 I wish I had one hundredth of his capacity. At any rate, this judge, Judge Cooper, is going to 5 let you see the charge. 6 What else do you want? MR. CHERRY: That's all, except an opportunity to object to the charge. 9 THE COURT: Well, what would be the purpose of 10 showing it to you? Just to have you read it? Of course, if 11 you object to it, you should say you object, and don't 12 hesitate at any time. 13 Now, do we understand each other? 14 MR. CHERRY: I believe we do. 15 THE COURT: Is there anything from the Government 16 MR. ZUPA: No. 17 THE COURT: Then let's go on. 18 Does the Government intend to make any opening re-19 marks? 20 MR. ZUPA: Just very short. 21 THE COURT: You have the right to say anything you 22 wish as the opening remarks. You can only address them to 23 the merits of the matter; that's all. Do you understand that? 24 MR. CHERRY: Yes.

THE COURT: It is a very brief period of time that

Please remember that this is not a criminal case.

This is a civil case. The United States is seeking to have an item destroyed pursuant to its power to regular the commerce of items into the United States. No one is here on trial for any criminal offense.

I urge you to pay close attention to the evidence

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and to proceed to reach a verdict as fairly as you can.

Thank you.

THE COURT: Mr. Cherry?

MR. CHERRY: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, as the judge has told you, I am not a lawyer, and the reason I come here without a lawyer is that the matter in question here is one magazine, and it just is not possible, that is to say, it just doesn't make sense to hire a lawyer over a matter of one magazine.

On the other hand, the Government seizes approximately fifteen thousand packages every year, and ther has to be
some time, somebody has to go to court just to set a standard,
a reasonable standard.

So I felt that I should do this, just so that a jury, a jury of people rather than some bureaucrafts in the Customs Authority, should decide this matter.

THE COURT: Very well. Please proceed.

MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, the Government calls Vincent Ruisi to the stand.

VINCENT RUISI, called as a witness by the Government, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

These materials are referred to our office, and I personally try to identify the contents by looking at the country of origin, such as Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands,

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familiar to me. Upon deciding whether it is an apparent commercial shipment, I proceed in identifying the contents.

Q Well, how do you initially determine if a matter is obscene when it comes in an envelope via the mails?

A By the thickness of it, which would indicate there might be a magazine within the particular envelope; by the meturn address I have seen at prior times; by the handwriting on it -- sometimes they write -- that they use the same group of people to address the envelopes. Things of that nature.

Experience really helps you identify the particular groups.

Q Once the United States Customs makes a decision to seize an item, what if any record do you make;

A Once we decide that the particular item is possibly obscene, we proceed in seizing the material and notifying the named recipient of the actions taken by Custons. We accumulate approximately five days of this nature of work and then prepare a schedule for the U. S. Attorney's office, located at 1 St. Andrew's Plaza.

Q I show you Government Exhibit 1 marked for identification and ask you if you can identify it.

A Yes. This is prepared under my direct supervision.

It is Schedule No. 1350. It was prepared on February 13, 1976.

Q Would you refer to page 76, Series No. 1961/213.

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| 2 | , A | Yes. | |
| 3 | Q | And would you identify that for us. | |
| 4 | Α | We have a seizure number, the date of seizur | e, the |
| 5 | date rece | ived in Customs, the name and address of the | individ- |
| 6 | ual it wa | s seized from and the contents found within t | he mailed |
| 7 | item. | | A COLLAND |
| 8 | Q | Whom is that item addressed to? | |
| 9 | Α | It's addressed to a Fred Cherry in Puerto Ri | .co. |
| 10 | The conte | ents is "Sexual Instructions from Susan" plus | illus- |
| 11 | trated ad | lvertising. | |
| 12 | Q | Are these schedules prepared in the regular | course |
| 13 | of busine | ess? | |
| 1.4 | Α | I think they are. | |
| 15 | | MR. CHERRY: Your Honor | and the second s |
| 16 | | THE COURT: I will strike the previous answer | er. The |
| 17 | jury will | disregard it other than it being addressed | to Mr. |
| 18 | Cherry, h | because it is not in evidence yet, and I don't | t want |
| 19 | any of th | ne contents referred to until it is in eviden | ce. |
| 20 | | Is there anything else? | |
| 21 | | MR. ZUPA: The United States offers Governme | ent |
| 22 | Exhibit | l for identification into evidence. | |
| 23 | · · | THE COURT: The jury will disregard the add | ress, |
| 24 | because | the only thing that is required here is that | the mail |
| 25 | be addres | ssed to someone within the United States. | |

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Mr. Cherry, have you any objection to that going into evidence?

MR. CHERRY: Your Honor, I object to it -- well,
I will make my objection -- no, I have no objection to this
going into evidence, but I will make an objection later.

THE COURT: Surely. It is received in evidence.

(Government Exhibit 1 for identification was received in evidence.)

THE COURT: All right. Proceed, please.

Q I show you Government Exhibit 2 for identification and ask you if you can identify that.

A I am looking at Government's Exhibit 2, "Sexual Instructions" --

THE COURT: No. Is it in evidence?

MR. ZUPA: No, your Honor.

THE COURT: Please remember that you cannot give us the detail. Please avoid that, will you? The man has no lawyer, and I know you aren't taking advantage in any way, but please wait for the time. Just answer the direct question, and that is all, until it is in evidence.

Will you please try to remember that?

THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

MR. ZUPA: If your Honor please, I asked him only if he could identify it.

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| 2 | A Yes. |
| 3 | THE COURT: The answer is yes or no; that's all. |
| 4 | A (Continuing) Yes; I can. |
| 5 | Q Tell me what relation the seizure number in this |
| 6 | item has to the scheduled item you referred to before. |
| 7 | A It coincides with Schedule No. 1961/312. |
| 8 | MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, the United States offers |
| 9 | Government Exhibit 2. |
| 10 | THE COURT: Do you have any objection to that going |
| 11 | into evidence, Mr. Cherry? |
| 12 | MR. CHERRY: As I said before, as we discussed be- |
| 13 | fore, under the stipulation, certain technical matters are for |
| 14 | your Honor. |
| 15 | THE COURT: Yes. |
| 16 | MR. ZUPA: The appropriate arguments can be made at |
| 17 | a later time. |
| 18 | THE COURT: All right. Fine. Then you find that |
| 19 | acceptable? |
| 20 | MR. CHERRY: Yes. |
| 21 | THE COURT: As long as I rule on that phase of it. |
| 22 | Is that what you mean? |
| 23 | MR. CHERRY: Yes. |
| 24 | MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, I have no further questions |
| 25 | THE COURT: Do you wish to cross-examine, Mr. |
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Q Just individuals; is that right?

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| 2 | THE COURT: Yes. May I have the necessary material |
| 3 | for me to make that determination? Which one is it? |
| 4 | MR. ZUPA: It is Government's Exhibit 2, your Honor, |
| 5 | and I believe the docket sheet will reflect that the United |
| 6 | States commenced this action on February 18th. |
| 7 | THE COURT: I uphold the Government on that score. |
| 8 | What else is there? |
| 9 | MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, the Government rests at this |
| 10 | time. |
| 11 | THE COURT: Now, Mr. Cherry stand up, please. |
| 12 | MR. CHERRY: I am sorry, your Honor. |
| 13 | THE COURT: You have an absolute right to take the |
| 14 | stand, to call witnesses, to present proof of any kind. You |
| 15 | need not do_any of that at all. That is for you to decide. |
| 16 | Do you wish to testify? |
| 17 | MR. CHERRY: Indo, your Honor. |
| 18 | THE COURT: Do you wish to offer evidence? |
| 19 | MR. CHERRY: I do, your Honor. |
| 20 | THE COURT: Have any live witnesses by that |
| 21 | I mean human beings in court besides yourself? |
| 22 | MR. CHERRY: No, your Honor. |
| 23 | THE COURT: Very well. You may take the stand. |
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FRED CHERRY, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

THE COURT: Mr. Cherry, I am sure the Government will not object if you will talk without waiting for questions.

Just be sure that you stick to the point that is before the jury.

Do you understand that?

THE WITNESS: I understand that.

THE COURT: Very well. Keep your voice up so they can hear you.

THE WITNESS: Now, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the first thing I want to tell you is that this matter involves one magazine which I am importing solely for my own use, and it is a magazine for which I sent away to Europe and for which I sent away an amount of eight dollars; so that as I explained -- no; I'm not supposed to comment.

The second point, the second thing, is that last autumn I saw a movie that had been imported from Europe. The name of the picture was "Sensations", and that picture — everything — that picture was just as explicit as anything in the magazine that will be shown to you, and it had all the sexual activity, every type of sexual activity imaginable. In fact, there were some types of sexual activity that were not even in that magazine that will later be shown to you.

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THE COURT: Would you just tell us where that was, where you saw it?

THE WITNESS: I saw it in a movie house called the Lido East, and that -- that's the name of the theatre: Lido East.

THE COURT: Is it in Manhattan?

THE WITNESS: Yes; it's on 59th Street, east of --

THE COURT: How long ago was that? About how long ago was that?

THE WITNESS: Either at the end of October or the beginning of November.

I wish to testify that there was a magazine which I bought in the Times Square area, and I would like to present that as evidence, as a comparison.

MR. ZUPA: Your Honor, the Government objects to that, because it is our position that the jury is the standard for the local community standard, and no single piece of evidence Mr. Cherry might find in the community is applicable to the issue at hand.

THE COURT: Yes. I allowed you to testify about the movie, because it was out of your mouth before I knew what you were going to say, but what you saw in a movie and what you purchased in a magazine anywhere has nothing to do with the issue presented here, and that is whether the Government

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| 2 | exhibit which was introduced in evidence, Government Exhibit |
| .3 | 2, is obscene that particular magazine; not what others |
| 1 | may do, even though it is just as bad or worse or not as bad |
| 5 | or whatever angle you want to approach it by. That would |
| ti | not really enter into this case. Do you understand that? |
| 7 | THE WITNESS: Well, I understand your point. |
| 8 | THE COURT: Now, what is it that you offer? What |
| 9 | magazine? |
| 10 | THE WITNESS: A magazine which I purchased in the |
| 11 | Times Square area, which was on display |
| 12 | THE COURT: How long ago did you purchase it? |
| 13 | THE WITNESS: I purchased it in 1974. However, v |
| 14 | saw it just a couple of weeks ago in that area, in two stores |
| 15 | In fact, they even had a poster on the wall for it. |
| 16 | THE COURT: Fine. Give it to the clerk. |
| 17 | Mr. Clerk, will you mark it as Defendant's Exhibit |
| 18 | A for identification. |
| 19 | (Defendant's Exhibit A marked for identification.) |
| 20 | THE COURT: Now, please show it to the Government, |
| 21 | and I will entertain the Government's position with regard |
| 22 | to it on the record, so that the record will be clear as to |
| 23 | what has happened here. |
| 24 | MR. ZUPA: Your Honor wishes me to reiterate the |
| 25 | Government's position? |

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Government's position?

THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down, Mr. Cherry.

(Witness excused.)

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THE COURT: Mr. Cherry, have you any further evidence?

> MR. CHERRY: I have no further evidence, your Honor. THE COURT: Of any kind?

MR. CHERRY: The letter of evidence concerning the address to which the mail is sent is objected to on the basis

that it never should have gotten into the case.

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MR. ZUPA: I am sorry, your Honor. It was inadvertent.

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| 2 | THE COURT: It wasn't your fault. It was the wit- |
| 3 | ness' loquaciousness. In any event, there was no real harm |
| 4 | done to the defendant by the mere mentioning of it, which I |
| 5 | struck from the record and substituted "mail received or |
| 6 | addressed to anybody within the United States." |
| 7 | As to the objection, you have a right to make it, |
| 8 | you are keen, you have a right to make the objection, you |
| 9 | have followed the case with great care, but the motion is |
| 0 | denied. |

Is there anything else?

MR. CHERRY: As I say, (nder Rule 51, as I understand it, I have a right to see the charge.

THE COURT: You will see it, but right now you are going to sum up before the Judge charges the jury.

MR. CHERRY: The way I understand Rule 51 is that I should have the opportunity of seeing what you are going to charge, before I sum up.

THE COURT: You are absolutely right.

(In open court:)

THE COURT: The jury is excused for a few minutes.

(The jury left the courtroom.)

MR. ZUPA: We have the magazine, which is the sole exhibit that we have submitted into evidence.

THE COURT: Of course.

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Mr. Cherry wants to see the judge's charge, and

I am handing him five pages -- that does not mean full pages

-- but it is just to have the record clear. They have

been numbered, and there are five.

Now, you take your time, Mr. Cherry, and look that over and let the Government look it over with you, too, so that you both can tell me if you have any objection.

Is that all right, Mr. Cherry?

MR. CHERRY: Yes. Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: Take your time.

(In the robing room:)

THE COURT: You have read what I showed you, Mr. Cherry?

MR. CHERRY: Yes; and may I bring up something else?

THE COURT: Not at this time. Let's speak about

this. Is there something wrong with the Court's charge?

MR. CHERRY: Yes. The term "prurient interest" means something else. Originally, it was decided in Roth versus the United States, 354 United States 387. It is considered as obscene if, considered as a whole, it appeals to shameful or morbid interest.

THE COURT: And you would like me to put that in my charge to the jury?

MR. CHERRY: Shameful and morbid.

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THE COURT: Well, I could see "or", separating the two.

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MR. CHERRY: I think not, your Honor. I specifically believe that the Supreme Court defined it in Roth, and I don't find any other citation, although I looked at every other citation he had there, where this definition was speci-

In all these cases, they mention "prurient inter-

THE COURT: Just give me a minute.

est", but they don't define it specifically.

(Pause.)

idally changed.

THE COURT: I am inclined to go along with the request that the definition of "prurient interest" in United

States against Roth should be inserted, and I uphold Mr.

Cherry and let it go at that with regard to the word "prurient"

That is what he is asking.

Has the Government any objection to that?

MR. ZUPA: I think we note our objection to the fact that U. S. vs. Miller applied a somewhat different standard than the Roth case, and in that sense we do object to it.

THE COURT: All right. When you say U. S. vs. Miller, what is the language there?

MR. ZUPA: I don't have the case before me, but I believe that the language we included in our request for jury instructions was derived from that case.

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THE COURT: Well, is it set forth in this draft of the charge to the jury?

MR. ZUPA: It is set forth in our jury instructions.

I do not recall seeing it in yours, your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, you had better take a look at it.

MR. ZUPA: It is not in here, your Honor.

THE COURT: And what do you say the case holds?

MR. ZUPA: I believe, your Honor --

THE COURT: Haven't you got a copy of your requests?

MR. ZUPA: Yes; I do.

THE COURT: Tell me what it is.

MR. ZUPA: U. S. vs. Miller and cases subsequent to that define "prurient" along those lines as tending to excite lasciviousness, that is, tending to arouse sexual deires.

THE COURT: May I have it, please, and let me have the Roth case.

(Pause.)

THE COURT: All right. Now, is there anything else, Mr. Cherry? I will make up my mind after I have studied this, looked at both the Miller case and the Roth case. What else do you have?

MR. CHERRY: The term "patently offensive" in the charge as given in Manual Enterprises vs. Day means something

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-40a-1 MP 33 2 that is so offensive on its face as to affront current com-3 munity standards of decency. THE COURT: All right. That sounds all right. Do you see anything wrong with that, Mr. Zupa? 6 MR. ZUPA: No, your Honor. 7 THE COURT: All right. Let's have it. 8 (Pause.) 9 THE COURT: Now are you through? 10 MR. CHERRY: No; there is another item at the 11 end, where the charge says there was no evidence on the point 12 of whether the material is intended for private use or re-13 sale. Now, I gave evidence, and to say there was no evidence 14 would in effect be calling me a liar. That I object to. 15 THE COURT: I think there is something to that. 16 Mr. Cherry has a point. 17 MR. ZUPA: Mr. Cherry and I have a suggestion to 18 make, your Honor: to change "there was no evidence on this point" to insert "the Government offered no evidence on this 19 20 point". 21 MR. CHERRY: All right. 22 THE COURT: Anything else, Mr. Cherry? 23 MR. CHERRY: I would like to state my objection

subpoena a witness, and then, on top of that, I was not allowed

on the record for the fact that first I was not allowed to

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| 2 | to show evidence, and between the two items |
| 3 | THE COURT: What do you mean, you were not allowed |
| 4 | to subpoena |
| 5 | MR. CHERRY: Well, I wrote a letter. |
| 6 | THE COURT: Well, suppose, Mr. Cherry, we do this. |
| 7 | I will allow you to put your letter in evidence. |
| 8 | MR. CHERRY: The point is that I was denied both of |
| 9 | those opportunities. If I had been allowed either one, it |
| 10 | would not have been so bad as to deny me both things. |
| 11 | THE COURT: What do you mean by "both"? |
| 12 | MR. CHERRY: Well, both the opportunity to question |
| 13 | the person from Customs and the opportunity to bring my |
| 14 | magazine into evidence. |
| 15 | THE COURT: Yes; but those are all stated in your |
| 16 | letter. |
| 17 | MR. CHERRY: No, no. The fact that I wanted to put |
| 18 | a magazine into evidence was not stated in my letter. |
| 19 | THE COURT: Didn't you ask permission to put it in? |
| 20 | MR. CHERRY: No. The magazine only came up at the |
| 21 | trial. I didn't mention anything about a magazine until just |
| 22 | now. |
| 23 | What I am objecting to, to make it perfectly clear, |
| 24 | is |

THE COURT: You mean the magazine that you offered

please mark as Defendant's Exhibit B his letter addressed to

THE COURT: The Government letter is offered in

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evidence by the Government and received.

THE CLERK: The letter is June 8, 1976.

(Defendant's Exhibit B for identification was received in evidence.)

(Government's Exhibit 3 was received in evidence.)

THE COURT: All right, gentlemen. I thank you for your frank expressions with regard to what the Court intends to tell the jury by way of a charge, and I gather, Mr. Zupa, that you have no objection to the quotation in Roth against United States, with the distinct understanding that I intend to include what you yourself put in the requests.

MR. ZUPA: That's correct, your Honor.

THE COURT: And the objection by the defense to the Miller language -- and you know what I mean by that, Mr. Cherry -- stands, and the defendant presses it, but the Court overrules the opposition of the defendant on that score, and we shall include in the charge the language in the Miller case.

You understand what I am saying, Mr. Cherry.

MR. CHERRY: Well, the language --

THE COURT: All I asked you is, do you understand what I am saying?

MR. CHERRY: Can I repeat what you are saying just to make sure?

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THE COURT: Yes.

MR. CHERRY: The language he has in his requests.

THE COURT: Precisely. That is the language I am going to use, but I want the record to clearly show that I will include it, and I overrule your objection.

Is there anything else before we call the jury in? Are you satisfied, Mr. Cherry, that you have made your record?

MR. CHERRY: Yes. I have made all my points.

THE COURT: All right. Bring in the jury, please.

(Jury in box.)

THE COURT: The evidence received in this case, members of the jury, will be turned over to you when you leave to deliberate on the issues that are before you. It is that particular evidence that you look at and decide whether or not it is obscene, as I shall define "obscenity" for you.

39 1 MP UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 2 vs. 76 Civ 791 VARIOUS ARTICLES OF OBSCENE MERCHANDISE, Schedule No. 1350 6 June 22, 1976 7 CHARGE OF THE COURT 8 9 THE COURT: (Cooper, D. J.) Members of the jury, you understand this case was brought by the Government under 10 a provision of law that prohibits importing obscene material 11 12 into the United States. 13 What does the law say? Let me read to you the pertinent parts of the law that is before us. Here it is. 1.4 "All persons are prohibited from importing into the 15 United States from any foreign country any obscene 16 book, pamphlet, paper, writing, advertisement, circular, 17 18 print, picture, drawing or other representation, figure or image on or of paper or other material. No such 19 article shall be admitted to entry, and all such articles 20 shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture." 21 22 That is the law, and the Government contends that 23 under that law it seized the particular exhibits that are

In order to find in favor of the Government, you

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must find first that the magazine in question was sought to be imported into the United States from a foreign country.

I don't believe you will have any problem with that: that it was sent from a foreign country; and, second, that the magazine is obscene — those two points: first, that it came from another country, imported into the United States, and, secondly, that the magazine is obscene within the contemplation of law, and in will define obscenity for you I just a moment.

You must find that the magazine in question was sought to be imported into the United States from a foreign country and, second, that the magazine is obscene, by what we call a preponderance of the evidence.

Now, what does that mean: preponderance of the evidence? It means that the evidence presented is more likely true than otherwise. It means that those two points that I have just mentioned must be proved by evidence such as I am going to illustrate to you.

you take a scale, a regular scale, and on one side
you put all the believable evidence, what you believe in favor
of the Government, and then, on the other side, you put all the
believable evidence in favor of the defendant. If the scale
just tips, barely tips in favor of the Government, then the
Government has succeeded in putting in the evidence by what

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is called a preponderance of proof.

If the scales do not tip in favor of the Government, then you must throw out the case, and the defendant is entitled to your verdict. If, of course, it tips in favor of the defendant, then clearly you throw out the case.

So that the amount of evidence, for instance, on the point of obscenity must be by a preponderance of the evidence, which means that the scale tips, just slightly tips in favor of the Government.

Is that clear to you?

Now, let's go on.

As to the first requirement -- and that is that the magazine in question was sought to be imported into the United States from a foreign country -- I instruct you that the articles of merchandise which have been introduced at trial today were imported into the United States and seized by authorized agents of the Bureau of Customs within the Port of New York.

As to the second requirement -- and that is the requirement that there be proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the magazine is obscene -- I instruct you that under the law an article is obscene if you are satisfied as to three points.

1. That the average person, applying contemporary

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standards would find that the magazine, taken as a whole, appeals to the prurient interest.

Now, what is meant by "prurient interest"? Let me define that for you. Prurient interest means a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion and if it goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters.

I repeat: the words "prurient interest" mean a shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex or excretion and if it goes substantially beyond customary limits of candor in description or representation of such matters. That is what is meant by prurient interest.

2. The second point that must have been proven with regard to obscenity is that the work -- that means the magazine -- contains either a patently offensive or indecent representation or description of ultimate sexual acts.

I repeat: the second element that is absolutely imperative in order to make an article or magazine or printed material obscene is that the work contains a patently offensive or indecent representation or description of ultimate sexual acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated.

What is meant by "patently offensive"? Just this: so offensive on its face as to affront current community

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standards of decency. I repeat: "patently offensive" means so offensive on its face as to affront current community standards of decency.

what I have already said, or patently offensive representations or descriptions of masturbation, excretory functions and lewd exhibition of the genitals: let's be very candid about that.

I gave you what (a) is, and I am now giving you what (b) is, and either one would violate the law.

(b) Patently offensive representations or descriptions of masturbation -- and you all know what is meant by asturbation -- excretory functions -- you know that that means the secretions that come from the male and female on sexual contact -- and lewd exhibition of the genitals. That means a lewd exhibition of the female organ and the male organ.

In this respect, I instruct you that nudity alone is not enough to make material legally obscene. To be obscene, the material must contain patently offensive representations or descriptions of that specific hard-core sexual conduct to which I have just referred.

I repeat: nudity alone is not enough to make material obscene. To be obscene, the material must contain patently -- that means clearly on the surface -- offensive

representations or descriptions of that specific hard-core sexual conduct to which I have just referred.

Now, what is the third element that must be proven with regard to the work or the magazine or the printed material to make it obscene? It is that the work, taken as a whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

I repeat: the final element, the third element, is that the work, taken as a whole, as you look at it from beginning to end, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

Now, if you find that all three elements are satisfied, then the magazine in question is obscene under the law.

In making your determination as to whether these articles are obscene, you should not be concerned by the fact that there were no witnesses today who testified that the articles are obscene. The determination of whether these articles are obscene is for you, the jury, alone to make. The Government satisfied its burden of proof when it placed the articles in evidence. These articles are the very best evidence of what they represent, and testimony by experts is unnecessary.

I should add that the fact that there are others selling the same kind of material or that there are films



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being shown has nothing at all to do with what is before you, and that is whether this material in evidence before you is obscene. The fact that others may be doing things that may or may not violate the law has nothing at all to do with you. The fact that one person, for instance, is charged with thievery does not excuse it because others are engaged in thievery, if you understand what I am trying to say to you. You just look at this material before you in evidence and ask yourselves: is this obscene within the definition of the law as the Judge gave us? That is all you have to do, and it is plenty. I am saying, don't consider anything else.

You told me, and I emphasized, before you were sworn that you would base your judgment only on the evidence before you, not what was presented somewhere else, but just the evidence before you: is it obscene? Is it not? That is for you to decide under the law of obscenity as I have given it to you, as you must apply the law. You can't just choose your own law. This is the law of obscenity that you must apply under your oath to the evidence that you are going to examine.

whether Mr. Cherry intended these articles for his private use or for commercial resale. You may have noted that the Government offered no evidence as to how the claimant, Mr.

Cherry, intended to use these articles. The Government offered no evidence on this point, because how the articles were to be used is irrelevant to whether they are obscene and whether they may enter the United States.

applies to obscene goods without regard to whether they are intended for subsequent resale or for the personal use of the claimant to whom the goods are addressed. You are to render a verdict on the article that is before you. You are to apply the test I have given you to that article, regardless of whether it is a magazine, a piece of illustrated advertising or otherwise, regardless of the size, the bulk, the width, the country of origin, the address of the claimant, the kind of wrapping paper in which it was mailed. Each article is to be considered in the light of the test for obscenity that I have given you. I don't know how to make it any more simple.

Now, after you have gone into the jury room, if you have any question as to the law, write me a note. You are the forelady. Send me a note: "The jury would like to have you explain" or "The jury would like this" or "The jury would like that." You are not to hesitate to do it. You all seem to nod your heads -- or some of you do -- so that you seem to understand everything I have said. If when you go in there

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remember that you have a perfect right to sum up to the jury.

You had a right to know what the Judge was going to charge,
and we dealt with that and spent a considerable amount of
time.

All right. Thank you, Mr. Cherry. You may sum up, Mr. Zupa.

MR. ZUPA: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, the only point I would emphasize is that you, the jury, are the reservoir of what the community standards are, and applying the tests that his Honor gave a little while ago, you determine whether that particular article in question is obscene, and only that particular article is the determining factor, and the other articles that are being sold outside in the streets are not to be compared with a magazine in determining or not that is particularly obscene.

The only other thing I mentioned is the fact that whether or not the article was to be used for Mr. Cherry's personal use or for commercial resale is irrelevant. The statute provides that the importation of any materials that are obscene from a foreign country into the United States is subject to forfeiture and seizure.

Thank you very much.

THE COURT: Mr. Cherry, you may say whatever you wish by way of summing up to the jury.

MR. CHERRY: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I want to thank you for your patience, and I would like to start in by reminding you that, as the Judge said, you have to find that this magazine appeals to a morbid or shameful interest,

as distinguished from a non-morbid or non-shameful interest.

Also, you must judge this magazine by the community standard. This means not what you personally would accept but what the community as a whole accepts, and may I point out that if you are not sure of what the community accepts, if you don't know that, then you can't really make the judgment.

As the Judge pointed out, you have to know -- the preponderance of evidence has to be on the Government's side.

examining the witness for the United States as to what standard and the Government applies, he didn't even know what standard the Government applies to commercial importations. In other words, I am saying, there is one standard for private importations and one standard for commercial importations, and that is the reason I am coming in here and litigating this matter.

Now, as far as commercial importation is concerned, the questions are: what commercial importations are permitted into this country? Some films come in and are accepted and permitted to come in. You members of the jury are assumed to know what the community standards are. And again, I say if

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you don't know what those community standards are, then the Government has failed to prove its case.

Thank you.

(At 4:00 p.m., the jury retired to deliberate upon a verdict.)

THE COURT: I thought I would wait and give either side an opportunity to say anything on the record before the jury returns.

Does the Government wish to say anything?

MR. ZUPA: No, your Honor.

MR. CHERRY: All I want to say is that I don't think I have grounds to appeal, which is a compliment to your Honor.

THE COURT: I don't know whether you have or not.

Let's see what the jury does.

All right.

(Recess.)

(At 4:06 p.m.)

(Jury present.)

(The roll of jurors was called. All answered present.)

THE CLERK: Madam Forelady have you agreed upon a verdict?

THE FORELADY: Yes.

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THE CLERK: How do you find?

THE FORELADY: Obscene.

THE CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, listen to your verdict as it stands recorded. You say you find the material submitted to you to be obscene, and so say you all.

THE COURT: Poll the jury.

(Each juror, upon being asked by the clerk of the court whether the verdict as recorded was his or her verdict, responsed affirmatively.)

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I just want to say a word or two before you leave.

In the first place, regardless of what you decided, I would say the same thing, and that is that the Court appreciates the attention, the sense of caring that you demonstrated, the desire to do what I told you is the obligation you have as ministers of justice, to examine the evidence and apply the law to it.

It is very meaningful to me, no matter how many years I have been a Judge, to see jurors match the Judge's concern that everybody should have a fair trial and that every case must be considered seriously, the rights of the Government and the rights of the defendant.

You leaned forward during the trial, and your

facial expressions showed that you were deeply concerned, that you cared, and this, too, I would say, regardless of the verdict, because the verdict was your business; it was your responsibility; it was your oath.

Others have a perfect right to criticize or disagree with you. That is their right. But yours was the responsibility.

And this is something else I want to leave with you. You are in a United States Court. You heard the care and patience that was extended to a person unrepresented by a lawyer. We hear all kinds of criticism. It's all very cheap to criticize. But what did you see? You saw a fair prosecutor, representing the Government, fair but firm. You saw a defendant who displayed a great deal of evidence, and you saw the Judge hover over him in an effort to see that all his rights were fully protected, and that's what goes on in the Federal system. It's not all bad.

Remember this simple example of hours being spent to see that a fair trial was given to both sides. So next time people talk about justice, that you have a right to criticize justice, you have an inalienable right always to criticize; but don't forget this experience, because we are always concerned that the facts and the law shall determine quilt or innocence, no matter who it is: rich, poor, repre-

resented, unrepresented, international figures, successful people, those waiting for success and, as I told you before you took your oath, even the avowed enemies of our country. Each one can have his day in court, and justice shall be rendered on the facts and on the law.

Just like a surgeon, you go in there with sterilized instruments. You do whatever you can. You strain; you worry; you do your utmost, and if the patient can get up off that table in time and walk, you feel great; and if, despite your efforts the patient does not survive, the only consolation that you have is that you have done your utmost, and no less is true about the law.

You have participated in it, and when you leave this courtroom and this courthcase, you can take with you the satisfaction of knowing that you brought to this the best that you had to offer, and that is all any mortal can do.

Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

(The jury left the courtroom.)

THE COURT: The defendant moves to set aside the verdict as being contrary to the evidence and contrary to the law and renews his motion to dismiss the proceedings on both those grounds.

Each motion is denied.

Are there any additional motions, Mr. Cherry?

THE COURT: I note your objection to it.

Is there anything else?

MR. CHERRY: No, your Honor.

MR. ZUPA: No.

THE COURT: Very well. Thank you, gentlemen.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff.

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VARIOUS ARTICLES OF OBSCENE HERCHANDISE, SCHEDULE NO. 1350, 76 Civ. 791 (IBC)

Defendant.

A civil action for the condernation and forfeiture of the articles contained in Schedule No. 1350 herein having been commenced on February 13, 1976, and a Partial Default Judgment with respect to those Articles for which no claims or answers were filed having been entered onApril 7, 1976 and a judgment forfeiting and condemning as obscene those articles as to which claims or answers were filed except Exhibits 7 and 7A as to which Fred Cherry has made claim, having been entered on April 30, 1976, and the trial as to Exhibits 7 and 7A contained in Schedule No. 1350 as to which Fred Cherry has made claim having been adjourned at the request of Fred Cherry from April 12, 1976 to June 22, 1976, and Fred Cherry having vaived the requirement that these proceedings be concluded within sixty (60) days after commencement, and a trial by a six-person jury having been held on June 22, 1976 before the Honorable Irving Ben Cooper as to plaintiff's action against Exhibits 7 and. 7A claimed by Fred Cherry, and Fred Cherry having consented to the condernation and forfeiture of Exhibit 7A (except the order forms attached thereto), and the jury having found Exhibit 7 obscene within the meaning of 19 U.S.C. 9 1305.

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NOW, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED AND DECREED that the defendants Exhibit 7 and 7A, including the order forms contained therein, addressed to claimant Fred Cherry is condenned and forfeited to the plaintiff, and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED that no sooner than sixty days after the entry of this Judgment, the United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York is directed to destroy the forfeited articles, and it is further

ORDERED AND DECREED that the United States Marshal, after destroying the forfeited articles in accordance with this Judgment, shall make his return according to law.

Dated: New York, New York

June . 1976

HONOPABLE IRVING BEN COOPER United States District Judge

Judgment entered this day of June, 1976.



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